

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region VI
POLLUTION REPORT**

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2009

From: Chris Ruhl, OSC

Subject: Initial
(E09617) United Production
Valetine, LA
Latitude: 29.6000000
Longitude: -90.4403000

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	V6JX
Reporting Period:	7/29-9/29/2009	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	9/27/2009	Response Authority:	OPA
Mob Date:		Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Assessment
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:		Reimbursable Account #	
FPN#	E09617		

Site Description

United Production is a tank battery comprised of ten above ground storage tanks (ASTs). The site is located near Valentine, Lafourche Parish, La (N29° 36' 00", W90° 26' 25") within the Valentine Oil and Gas Field (Field ID: 9096). The site was referred to EPA by La Department of Natural Resources (LaDNR). The LaDNR indicated that the facility is abandoned. The tanks currently contain approximately 1000 barrels of oil and oily waste. Tanks are in poor conditions and have leaked in to the containment. The tank battery is located in a low area and is subject to flooding.

Current Activities

On July 29, 2009, EPA visited the facility. The facility appeared to not be in production. There was a notable amount of oil and oil-contaminated water within the containment area. Gauging of the tanks indicated that there is over 1000 barrels of oil, oil-contaminated water, and sludge contained in the tanks.

EPA conducted a responsible party (RP) search. Notice of Federal Interest (NOFI) letters were issued to United Production Company, Inc.

Planned Removal Actions

If the RP does not mitigate the threat of discharge, EPA will conduct a cleanup. EPA clean up will consist of the removal of liquids within the containment and tanks, removal of tanks/equipment, and the removal/stabilization of contaminated soils within the containment area.

Next Steps

Allow time for the RP to respond to NOFI.

Secure funding from NPFC for EPA-led response.

Key Issues

LaDNR indicates the site is abandoned and that there is no viable RP for cleanup.

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